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2017 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 32

District 2 Commercial Period 7

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area
Fall Season Emergency Order # 30

District 2 Commercial Fishing:

There is a large pulse of fall chum salmon in the lower portion of District 2. Commercial fishing will be open for one period in **District 2, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Sunday, August 13.** This will be a 2-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size. **There will only be one buying station located at St. Mary's buying for this period. Commercial fishermen must contact their buyer no later than 1 hour before they fish.** The department will consider extending the time to this fishing period based on the number of fishermen participating. Fishermen will need to standby for on VHF for announcements regarding extensions during this period.

The sale of Chinook salmon is prohibited. Commercial gillnet fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or use them for subsistence purposes. Chinook salmon retained from commercial gillnet gear must be recorded on a fish ticket as retained but not sold.

Verbal reports from District 2 period 6 commercial opening on August 9 indicate a preliminary harvest of 2,432 fall chum and 288 coho salmon from 68 deliveries. The preliminary total commercial harvest to date in District 2 is 41,710 fall chum and 1,141 coho salmon.

District 2 Subsistence Fishing Schedule:

Subsistence salmon fishing in District 2 is open during the fall season 7 days per week, 24 hours per day with gillnets restricted to a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches, except for closures before, during and after commercial fishing periods. **For this commercial period, subsistence fishing will close at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 13, and reopen at 7:00 a.m. Monday, August 14.**

Fishermen may use 4-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets to target non-salmon species during subsistence salmon closures.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day, toll free at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or the Fairbanks office at 459-7274. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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